

TO: TALK w/ADE Members

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SUBJECT: Minutes from Meeting on March 11, 2002

TALK w/ADE MEETING MINUTES

❖ **WELCOME/ATTENDANCE**

- Lynn Busenbark – ADE/ESS, Steve Mishlove -- Arizona Department of Education/Exceptional Student Services (ADE/ESS), Jeannette Zemeida -- ADE/ESS, Diane Bruening -- Chandler Unified School District, Suellen Capron -- Snowflake Unified School District, Karen Davis, PPEP TEC Charter High School, Sherry Dorathy – Miami Unified School District, Roger Kutemeier, Mesa Public Schools, Pat Marsh, Ft. Huachuca Accommodation School, Lorrane McPherson -- Tucson Unified School District, Helen Stalnaker, Tuba City Unified School District, John Stuckey, Excel Education Centers, Inc., Bea VanMantgem -- Prescott Unified School District, Robert Wolf, Parker Unified School District

❖ **ADE UPDATE**

- Group will be adding new members; in the future meetings will no longer be held in the Capitol Conf. Room, as it will no longer accommodate the number of people attending
- Steve went over original parameters of group
- Talk w/ADE proposed changes:
 - Create Listserve for Special Education; discussion on feasibility
 - Create agenda for meetings
 - Create Talk w/ADE web page; post information pertinent to group
 - Add more Phoenix participants
 - Any changes to data collection should be told to districts at least a year in advance so that districts have time to change their data collection methods
- Lynn and Steve will be meeting with Sopris West to begin working on topic for Summer Institute in 2003 – they asked for feedback from group by March 29
- Lynn and Steve went over some of the changes that have come about due to Talk w/ADE
- Lynn asked for feedback regarding performance indicators
 - Larger list of performance indicators, however districts could choose those that applied to them
 - Discussion regarding difficulty of data collection for performance indicators
 - Performance indicator rewards for districts reaching 75% of performance goals
- A new TBI coordinator, Valerie Luks, has been hired
- Research and Development Associate position has been vacated
- The final draft of the Special Education Cost Study will be submitted by March 15, 2002
- Diane Bruening and Robert Wolf volunteered to be in charge of constructing the Talk w/ADE agenda
 - All suggestions for agenda items should be sent to either Diane Bruening or Robert Wolf
 - Diane Bruening, 480-812.7010, brueningd@chandler.k12.az.us

- Robert Wolf, 928-669-2431, rwolf@parkerusd.k12.az.us
- Special Education rules are going to be reopened
 - Current rules are posted on the Secretary of State's website
 - Will be posted on ADE/ESS website with suggested changes
 - Suggestions for changes must be made before rules are reopened

❖ OPEN DISCUSSION

- Use of Arizona Educational Employment Board
 - Most Talk w/ADE members using
 - Site hits are encouraging
 - State agencies using this board are no longer advertising in other venues
- Surveys sent to school districts should have information at top explaining how the information will be utilized; might cause districts to spend more time filling out the surveys

❖ NEXT MEETING

- The next meeting will be held April 15, 2002, via telephone, from 9:00 – 10:00 am.
- Suggested agenda items: PDLA, Sopris West feedback, focus group development for vouchers, reopening special education regulations